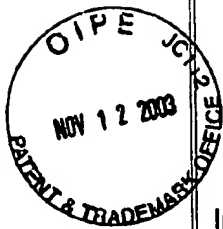


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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(C)(2)
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT FROM ISSUE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue.

Applicants' representative contacted a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office customer service representative via telephone on November 6, 2003, and according to the customer service representative, no issue date has been scheduled for this application. Nevertheless, **prompt and favorable consideration is urgently requested, since the issue fee was paid on September 15, 2003.**

Concurrently with this Petition, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 along with an Information

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